

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Council members Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Stephen Hougland, Dr. William T. Murphy and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council member Joseph Abban was absent. Councilor Austin offered an invocation. Mayor McGuinness led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Presentations

Swearing in of New Firefighters - Jacob Goodin, Clinton Chapman, Brandon Johnson, Joshua Collins, & Tory Routier - Mayor McGuinness swore in the new firefighters in a group ceremony and welcomed them and their families to the City of Franklin Fire Department. Fire Chief McElyea gave a brief talk about the training that each firefighter must undertake in order to become a firefighter.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the July 6, 2015 Common Council Minutes

Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Old Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all old business by title only, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Public Hearing

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 15-12 An Additional Appropriation - Donation-Police in the amount of \$500.00 – Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for a public hearing. No one asked to speak. A discussion was held. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Murphy. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all new business by title only, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 15-13 A Reduction of Appropriations Ordinance – Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander stated that the Council approved an additional appropriation of \$1,000,000.00 from the Disaster Relief Fund but that the amount appropriated exceeds the balance as we had already appropriated \$50,000 from the fund in the annual budget. Because of that they will need to pass an ordinance reducing the appropriation to \$950,000.000. This matter will be set for public hearing August 17, 2015.

Other Business

White River Alliance Presentation - Mayor McGuinness explained that he represents the City of Franklin on the Indiana Council of Elected Officials and that several area mayors in this group are working on water quality and water quantity issues affecting their communities. Because of this he invited Ms. Jill Hoffmann, the Executive Director of White River Alliance, to speak to the City Council regarding the storm water storage issues faced by our community and others in our watershed, and how those issues may effect economic development. A discussion was held.

Council Comments

Councilor Wertz stated there would be a Redevelopment Commission (RDC) meeting tomorrow at 8:00 am.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 07/30/2015

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer